

pledge to continue to raise awareness and do what I can to secure the resources needed to build upon the steady strides already achieved in understanding and finding a cure for cardiomyopathy.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 107th National Day of Taiwan. The United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a fruitful partnership for decades, and I would like to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy National Day.

Taiwan is a critical partner of the United States and my state of Minnesota. Over the last decade, Taiwan has shown and continues to be a prosperous nation characterized by strong economic growth, a commitment to democracy and respect for basic human rights and freedoms.

Where trade and economic prosperity are concerned, our two countries have made great strides. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States, the 11th largest U.S. export market overall and the 7th largest market for U.S. agricultural products. Taiwan imported \$3.57 billion of food and agricultural products from the U.S., representing more than 28 percent of total imports of those products.

Taiwan regularly sponsors trade missions to the United States in pursuit of agricultural products. Last year, those missions culminated in the signing of letters of intent to purchase approximately \$2.8 billion in U.S.-produced grains between 2018 and 2019. Just in late September, another trade mission from Taiwan visited the United States with the intent to purchase \$300 million in soybeans and other agriculture products. The mission also traveled to Minnesota, one of the biggest agriculture and soybean producing states in the U.S. In fact, Taiwan is Minnesota's 5th largest export market in Asia, with over \$450 million in goods exported in 2016. Our two countries will continue to seek avenues where we can work together, and I hope my colleagues will join me in promoting this cooperation wherever possible.

Minnesota and the rest of the country benefit from our relationship with Taiwan and continuing this important partnership. It is my privilege to congratulate the celebrants of the "Double Tenth Day," and I look forward to celebrating this important event for many years to come.

CARR & DUFF

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Carr & Duff, Inc, its founders Edward Duff and Harold Carr, and the tireless lineman they employ, as the company celebrates the 60th anniversary of the company.

I have a special connection to this company—as a young man, Edward Duff and Harold Carr were gracious enough to hire me. I worked in a variety of roles for the company, including journeyman, foreman and high voltage lead splicer. I can tell you firsthand that Carr & Duff is a company that truly sets the industry standard in hard work and dedication. And as I moved on to other positions in my life, the skills I acquired in my time with Carr & Duff stayed with me—shaping me as a leader and providing me with an invaluable foundation and experience.

The story of Carr & Duff is one not only of business success, but also unsurpassed excellence in the field of community service. The men and women employed at this company have shown us time and time again that they are willing to go above and beyond in the name of excellent customer service, and they have been a lifeline to both of our districts, as well as the Tri-state Area, throughout the company's history.

The company is renowned for going the extra mile in times of emergency. During storms, floods, and severe snow, the incredibly skilled electricians at Carr & Duff have proven themselves invaluable—working long hours to restore power to impacted communities. Carr & Duff has such a large supply of transformers and generators that they are often able to loan out their stock to local utility companies in times of need. The people of Carr & Duff think nothing of it—it's just another opportunity for them to help their neighbors any way they can.

I ask you to join me in celebrating the impact that Carr & Duff Incorporated has made during its sixty-year history, and honoring the transformative legacy of a company that has truly shaped the Camden and Philadelphia area for more than half a century.

RECOGNIZING COACH AL LESLIE

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Coach Al Leslie of Saline, Michigan who was recently named the ALL-USA Boys Track and Field Coach of the Year.

Al has been a track coach for 17 years—the last 12 of which have been at Saline High School, home of the Hornets.

This past season, the Boy's Track Team won their 8th straight conference championship, their 8th consecutive regional title, and placed third at the state championship. Later, at a national competition, the Hornets won the 800 and 1600 medley relays.

Coach Leslie's commitment to excellence, as well as the unity and team spirit that he seeks to promote, has created a winning formula at Saline.

In fact, his favorite quote, attributed to Bo Schembechler, is "The team, the team, the team."

In addition to his success as a track coach, Al is also a beloved assistant football coach at Saline, where he currently teaches 8th grade history.

Once again, I wish to congratulate Coach Leslie on this impressive achievement. The investment he makes in the lives of young peo-

ple, both on and off the field, will impact our community for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY STRING OF PEARLS PROJECT OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONSERVATION TRUST

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor very special landowners in northern Virginia who are the latest contributors to the Chesapeake Bay String of Pearls Project of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. The trust adds to and sustains places in our communities that enhance our natural, historical and cultural value, by assisting private landowners and local jurisdictions conserve and care for our natural and working lands and waters.

On November 16, seven newly conserved properties have been added to the 62 other parcels that make up the String of Pearls in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. These treasured private lands are in Great Falls, McLean and Oakton, and are the first conserved lands to be honored in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As the member of Congress representing this area, I want to express my deep appreciation to these visionary landowners who have preserved their land forever, thus "saving nearby nature" to benefit current and future generations of Virginians and Americans. I also want to express my gratitude to the leadership of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, who, over the past 20-plus years has conserved 6,500 acres in the region and has been such an invaluable resource for conservation management, through its stewardship of protected land, encouragement of volunteer conservation activities, and critical technical assistance to local governments as they implement their comprehensive plans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me and all the people of the 10th Congressional District, in recognizing and thanking the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust and the sixty-nine conservation landowners of the Chesapeake Bay String of Pearls Project for their everlasting contributions to the quality of life of the residents of Northern Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

TRIBUTE TO MAXINE AND BOB HAMM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Maxine and Bob Hamm of Clarinda, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on September 14, 2018.

Maxine and Bob's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies

Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY ITLIONG

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of Larry Itliong and to celebrate Larry Itliong Day on October 27, 2018 in California's 44th Congressional District.

Whereas on October 25, 1913, Larry Itliong was born into a family of six children in Pangasinan Province of the Philippines;

Whereas at the age of 14, Larry Itliong immigrated to the United States and became a farmworker who would travel between Alaska, Washington, Montana, South Dakota, and California;

Whereas Larry Itliong led the Agricultural Worker Organizing Committee and organized 1,500 Filipinos to strike against grape growers in the Central Valley, in what became the famous Delano Grape Strike, which lasted for more than 5 years;

Whereas in 1965, Larry Itliong and the Filipino workers joined forces with César Chávez's National Farm Workers Association and merged into the United Farm Workers;

Whereas Larry Itliong, also known as Seven Fingers, has been described as one of the fathers of the West Coast Labor movement;

Whereas the City of Carson became the first city in the United States to recognize Larry Itliong Day; and

Now therefore, I declare and hereby recognize the date of October 27, 2018 to be Larry Itliong Day in Carson, California, marking the 4th annual celebration of this remarkable man.

HONORING GROUNDWORK HUDSON VALLEY SCIENCE BARGE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the Yonkers waterfront is a remarkable natural resource for our community, and for 10 years now Groundwork Hudson Valley has made incredible use of it with their Science Barge.

The Science Barge is a prototype sustainable urban farm developed by NY Sun Works and acquired by Groundwork Hudson Valley in October, 2008. Since then, it has been operated as an environmental education center. The Science Barge greenhouse, floating on the Hudson River, grows an abundance of fresh produce including tomatoes, melons,

peppers, eggplant, and lettuce with zero net carbon emissions, zero pesticides, and zero runoff. All of the energy needed to power the Barge is generated by solar panels, wind turbines, and biofuels while the hydroponic greenhouse is irrigated solely by collected rainwater and purified river water, thus operating completely "off the grid." It is the only fully functioning demonstration of renewable energy supporting sustainable food production in New York. The Science Barge is open for weekday educational programs and field trips for schools, camps, and other groups from mid-April through the beginning of November.

Mr. Speaker, our planet is changing. Climate change is real and having a profound impact already. We need more initiatives like the Science Barge to help us learn and adapt to these changes, while simultaneously teaching us about sustainability. I'm proud to have the Science Barge in my district and I congratulate the entire Groundwork team on 10 terrific years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote numbers 409, 410, 411, and 412 on September 27, 2018, due to recent surgery. I would like to reflect how I would have voted:

On roll call vote number 409, I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote number 410, I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote number 411, I would have voted NO.

On roll call vote number 412, I would have voted NO.

HONORING THE CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Child Care Council of Westchester as it hosts its 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 18, 2018.

The Child Care Council of Westchester promotes quality child care and education to support the healthy development of children and families. For children, the Council is a safe space to learn and grow. For parents, the Council eases the financial burden of child care by providing high quality, affordable child care for working families. For child care professionals, the Council acts as an information hub on running a business, providing quality care, and meeting legal obligations. Finally, for Westchester employers, the Council provides parents with resources and referrals to have successful employment and careers.

The Child Care Council's continued success in Westchester can be largely attributed to its Executive Director Kathy Halas. Since 2003, Ms. Halas has led the Council as it advocates for the importance of healthy childhood development and quality child care. Ms. Halas' unwavering activism is an inspiration to us all

and can be credited with the care of countless children throughout Westchester County and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have worked alongside Kathy Halas and the Child Care Services of Westchester to support quality early care and education for all children. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this incredible organization and applauding its 50 years of service to Westchester County as it celebrates this golden anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO NOVA AND LESTER LEIGHTON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Nova and Lester Leighton of Griswold, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 75th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 22, 1943 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Nova and Lester's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 75th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 75th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DONALD PANÓZ

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of an extraordinary man and fellow Northeast Georgian, Mr. Donald E. Panoz.

Mr. Panoz, the son of immigrants from Avezzano, Italy, was born on February 13, 1935. While attending Greenbrier Military Academy, he met his wife Nancy, and both went on to serve in the U.S. Army.

After his service, Mr. Panoz established many businesses in and around Georgia's 9th Congressional District. Some of these include Elan Pharmaceuticals in Gainesville, Château Elan Winery & Resort in Braselton, and Panoz LLC in Hoschton. Panoz also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for NanoLumens in Norcross.

However, Mr. Panoz will be most remembered for founding the American Le Mans Series—which brought European-style endurance sports car racing to America—and Milan Pharmaceuticals, which developed the method of delivering medicine through transdermal technology.

Mr. Panoz passed away on September 11, 2018 after a battle with cancer. As we remember his legacy, I join others in thanking him for his military service and recognizing his entrepreneurial spirit and success.